

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

**Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Angelica Dueñas	1 st Vice President	Absence excused
Mike O’Gara	2 nd VP/Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absence excused
Linda Housden	Board Member	Absent
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Absence excused
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Absent
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Present
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Mark Mardirossian	Board Member	Present
Barbara O’Gara	Board Member	Present
Gene Culley	Board Member	Present
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	Absent
Ron Kramer	Board Member	Absent
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present
Robert Lim	Board Member	Absent

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Code of Civility, Roll Call

- Gary called the meeting to order at about 06:33 pm
- Gary lead the Board and all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility
- Gary took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

- Gary thanked everyone for their participation at various meetings and activities held this past month.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule. (Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer.)

- Officer Kim Walliat is covering for Officer Vasquez who is on medical leave. Officer Walliat stated that the public can reach the Senior Lead Office, Foothill Division, at 818-756-8866.
- Officer Walliat gave the following crime stats in Sun Valley: 2 homicides; 35 burglaries; 10 Auto Thefts; slight increase in property crimes.

ITEM 4: Presentation/announcements from **elected officials** or their representatives.

- Sulma Hernandez and Tania Oronoz, CD6, announced that their Office will donate holiday baskets to needy families.
- Ms. Hernandez stated that Captain Malinowski is organizing a task force to combat sex trafficking

ITEM 5: Public Comment

- None

ITEM 6: Board member comments

- Mike O’Gara stated that a meeting regarding the Senior Independent and Assisted Living Care (Eldercare) Housing Facility will be held on Friday, November 30th, 2012, at 08:30 AM.
- Mike read a letter received from Councilmember Alarcón regarding the LADWP’s EIR for the Tujunga Spreading grounds enhancement project, which essentially asks LADWP to indentify alternate locations for the deposit of materials including Vulcan’s Pit located directly adjacent to the Tujunga Wash at 12600 Branford Street. LADWP should also identify and alternative haul route option which does not adversely impact schools. Councilmember Alarcón’s letter includes these recommendations: LADWP initiate the actions stated in the letter, set up monthly meetings with community members and school officials to provide progress reports on the project, identify and respond to concerns, set up a community hot line, address the hours of operation during the construction phase, coordinate with City Departments to monitor vehicle and truck traffic impacts, investigate contracting for purchasing alternative-fuel machinery.
- Mike said that SVANC presented a grant application, for up to \$5,000, for re-landscaping of LAFD’s Firehouse #77 and is asking for a pledge of labor hours needed for this project which is estimated to be completed in about 1-year, and the list of labor pledges must be presented by November 30th. Only 5 grants of \$5,000 will be awarded. Mike added that Julie and he are planning on talking to local business for any possible contributions.
- Mike also requested monetary pledges for this project and committed to personally matching any pledge up to \$500.

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our October 9th, 2012 Board meeting.

- The minutes for October 9th, 2012 were approved as amended and as reconstructed
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

NEW Business:

ITEM 8: Appoint and Approve Senior Advocates

- None

ITEM 9: Committee Chair Volunteers- Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws-- Treasurer –Beautification

- Outreach – Gary thanked all the volunteers that attended the Halloween activities at Fernangeles Park and Sun Valley Park
- Planning – See Item 15
- Community Affairs and Beautification – the re-landscaping of the Fire station #77: Battalion Chief Jack Wise informed all present that the community room in the Fire station can be used for community meetings. For any questions email is jack.wise@lacity.org, or please call the office at (818) 756-8612 to contact any of the Battalion Chiefs

- Bylaws – none
- Treasurer – Credit Card expenses for October 2012

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount	Purchaser
09/26/2012	Walgreens	Pictures for Planning of Ratner New Signage	\$14.26	M. O’Gara
10/02/2012	Smart & Final	Cost of outreach at Fernangeles Park	\$148.42	
10/02/2012	Anderson Trophy	Banner for Fernangeles Park Bulletin Board	\$30.69	
10/03/2012	Smart & Final	Cost of outreach at Sun Valley Park	\$145.90	
10/03/2012	Office Depot		\$78.20	
10/05/2012	Staples	Clip boards	\$28.21	
10/06/2012	Office Depot		\$23.90	
10/08/2012	Max Balloons	Helium for Halloween Outreach at both parks	\$141.38	
10/10/2012	USPS	Mass mailer for LADWP’s EIR	\$200.25	
10/09/2012	Papa John’s	Pizza for Board Meeting	\$53.67	
		Total Spent:	\$864.88	

- The motion was put out for a vote to accept the Treasurer’s report
- The motion carried

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allocate \$150.00 for the VANC Planning Forum.

- No action taken because VANC’s meeting took place last week.

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow Mike O'Gara to present to City Council our position on the trash/waste Franchise issue and add that we want only CNG/LNG Fueled trucks to service these Apartment and Business units.

- Mike clarified that this is an Ordinance about recycling for Apartment buildings which asks for one hauler company dispatching one truck, one day per week. This item will be heard in City Council on November 14, 2012
- A motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 12: Discussion and update of the Fire House 77 Beautification Project

- There was no further discussion on this Item

ITEM 13: Discussion and update regarding ID Cards for all SVANC Board Members and Business Cards.

- Mark M. stated that his son did the art work for the ID cards; the business cards will be the same style as before, except the paper stock will be matte not glossy finish. The business cards will be printed for 9 board members, and the ID cards will be printed for 19 individuals.

ITEM 14: Discuss and update status of Board Representatives to Schools: Fernageles Elementary, Roscoe Elementary; Poly, Sun Valley High School and, Byrd Middle School.

- Mike stated that Sun Valley HS no longer has a parent center

ITEM 15: Discussion of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:

- The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Environmental Impact Report (EIR): Monica stated that a meeting was held and a petition with about 300 signatures in opposition of the methodology of the project will be presented. One of the recommendation items made is to have a conveyor belt system, among all the rest of the items discussed in Councilmember Alarcon’s letter. Mike said that the removal of

this dirt would take up to 86,000 diesel truck trips—40 diesel trucks, thus SVANC recommends using a conveyor belt system, and no public hearing has been held regarding this project, a DEIR was published for public comments, they are looking for a contractor to provide the diesel trucks, even though no decision has yet been made regarding the recommendations presented about this project. It was suggested to try to get a similar letter as Alarcon’s from Councilmember Cardenas stating his position on this project and a request was also made to City officials to extend the public comment period. Ms. Oronoz, CD6 office, stated that they attended a meeting on the project and felt that all comments had been addressed; Ms. Oronoz said that regarding the conveyor belt issue and the alternative means to transport materials, to their knowledge no contract has been entered into yet and no site has been designated as the in-take site. Ms. Oronoz explained that in order to have fair competition in the City’s bidding process, the City can’t nor has the authority to designate the type of vehicle used. She added that without having an in-take site assigned, it is hard to state if a conveyor belt system is a feasible option. Ms. Oronoz will talk to the Councilmember’s Planning Deputy regarding the request to get an official statement from the Councilmember regarding this project and SVANC’s recommendations on this project.

-7-11 Project on Rincon & Sheldon: Monica passed a picture of what the project is supposed to look like, and added that a meeting was held and it was very well attended by the community. Ms. Vacas said that 7-11 presented signatures in support of having this store open 24-hours at this location. Also, 7-11 did withdraw its request to have a liquor license. The issue now is the hours of operation 7-11 is requesting.

-The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352: Mike stated that this business opened 1 year ago, but that the owner is still not in compliance with the conditions placed prior to opening the business. Mike added that a meeting has been scheduled to meet with the Recycling Center’s owner to discuss with him the communities concerns.

-Senior Independent and Assisted Living Care (Eldercare) Housing Facility on Laurel Canyon Blvd.- Mike said that a hearing will be held regarding this facility on November 30th. The developer already has a permit to build 26 condos.

-Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow the Planning Committee to respond to the FEIR from Crown Disposal as the hearing may be held before our next Board meeting

- A motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

These planning Items on agenda are subject to Discussion and Possible Action

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 17: Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at approximately 08:45 pm